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1. IN MEETING WITH PRINCE SULTAN AND MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF RIYADH APRIL 14, AMBASSADOR AND B/ GEN SMITH PROVIDED THEM DETAILS OF PROPOSED METHODS FOR DELIVERY AS SET OUT MESSAGES RECEIVED FROM CSAF AND SECDEF. SULTAN OBVIOUSLY PLEASED BY PROMPT USG RESPONSE BUT MADE USUAL EFFORT PERSUADE US ASSUME PART OF COST BY PROPOSING WE ABOSORB HALF OF TOTAL AIR FREIGHT. THIS SUGGESTION DEFLECTED WITHOUT TOO MUCH DIFFICULTY AND FOLLOWING DAY SULTAN INFORMED US SAUDI DECISION WAS TO PROPOSE HALF OF URGENTLY REQUIRED AMMUNITION BE SHIPPED BY AIR AND OTHER HALF BY SEA. (DETAILS BY SEPARATE TEL USMTM TO CSAF.)

2. AMB INFORMED SULTAN ALL LOOKED LIKE CLEAR SAILING EXCEPT FOR PROBLEM OF OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCES. THESE COULD CAUSE DELAY, PARTICULARLY IN CASE OF TURKEY, WHERE REQUESTS FOR AIR CLEARANCE OF MILITARY SHIPMENTS WERE USUALLY EXAMINED
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WITH GREAT CARE. IT MIGHT BE THAT WE WOULD NEED ASSISTANCE
SAUDI EMBASSY IN ANKARA IN EXPEDITING MATTERS, THOUGH WE
NOT ASKING FOR IT AT THIS STAGE. SULTAN SAID HE HAPPY BE
HELPFUL WHENEVER AMB FELT IT NECESSARY.

3. WE CERTAIN SAUDI GOVT AND KING FAISAL WELL PLEASED
WITH THIS TANGIBLE DEMONSTRATION USG ABILITY AND WILLINGNESS
RESPOND EXPEDITIOUSLY TO URGENT PLEAS FOR ASSISTANCE. IN-
TENSIVE EFFORT BY DOD AND AIR FORCE, AS WELL AS BY USMTM
HERE, HAS DEMONSTRATED TO SAG VERY REAL VALUE OF ASSOCIATION
WITH US AT TIME WHEN THERE CONSIDERABLE TENSION AND UN-
EASINESS IN US- ARAB RELATIONS GENERALLY.
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